December 18, 2019

Dear Iowa Recreation and Health Services Providers:

The Center for Disabilities and Development, Iowa’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability (UCEDD) seeks to fund up to seven (7) mini-grants of $4,000 each to community recreation or health programs. Funds are available to assist local entities in the development and sustainability of inclusive recreation and health programs or projects. Applicants are advised to use the [Foundational Principles of Inclusive Recreation](https://www.aucd.org/docs/resources/Inclusion%20Principles%20and%20Guidelines%20FINAL.pdf), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s [Disability and Health](https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/index.html) website, resources from the [National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability](https://www.nchpad.org/fppics/NCHPAD_NiCIP%20Overview.pdf), or other resources appropriate for the population when creating a proposal.

We seek activities including organizational assessment, policy development, community engagement, staff development, and program planning and implementation for inclusive recreation or health programs. Other activities leading toward sustainable and inclusive programs will also be considered.

**Timeline**

December 30, 2019 Request for Proposals released

January 9, 2020 Question and Answer Zoom Meeting on 1/9/2019 at 12:00 pm: <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/5123980429> or Phone: 646-876-9923 ID: 512-398-0429

January 22, 2020 Proposals due by 5:00 pm. Apply: <https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_88GsmeB9ofcHxdz>

January 31, 2020 Notifications to awardees and others sent

February 1, 2020 University of Iowa UCEDD begins contracting process with organizations

March 1, 2020 Project operations begin

March 20, 2020 Mid-period reports due

June 14, 2020 Final reports and success story due

Requirements

* Projects need to focus on inclusion of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and physical disabilities
* Meeting Americans with Disabilities Act specifications is not goal of this funding opportunity. Capital projects that improve buildings or purchase equipment (e.g. for a restroom) are not preferred.
* Recipients may not use funding for fundraising operations or put it toward a fundraising goal.
* Funds MAY be used for staff training, operational expenses, and equipment
* Participants must participate in a monthly Community of Practice with other recipients to share their success and receive support in overcoming challenges in the form of an hour web-based meeting or conference call. The date/time of this meeting will be determined at a later date.

The application will be a fillable Adobe form. Attach your budget and workplan as separate PDF documents. The character limits are the maximum allowed, including spaces. Provide the following information:

* Lead agency
* Contact information for key staff, including Director and project personnel
* Title of Project
* Statement of Need and Purpose of Project (2500 characters)
* Location of Project (community or counties served)
* Description of Advisory Group that oversees your work (500 characters)
* How you plan to include people with disabilities and their family members in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of effectiveness? (1000 characters)
* Target Audience and Anticipated Reach
* Project Description (2500 characters)
* Projected Outcomes and Deliverables
* Workplan and timeline (in a separate PDF or Word document)
* Budget (in a separate PDF or Word document)

The selection committee will consider geographic diversity with the goal of awarding a grant in each of the six Iowa Department of Public Health Regions. Projects showing sustainable organizational change are desired.

Applications and supporting documents are due at **5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 22**. Notifications will be sent out by January 31,2019.

Thank you for your interest.

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